

C I R C U SH I S T O R I C A LS O C I E T YNote Sheet No.5"CIRCUS CHANGES OF THE PAST"By C.E.Duble. CHS.

Young Buffalo Wild West and Col. Cummin's Far East shows ended its career at Alton, Ill; July 28, 1914 when thrown into receivership by Vernon C. Seaver.

The closing of Arlington & Beckmann Oklahoma Ranch Wild West Show at Texarkana, Tex; October 18, 1913 dissolved the partnership between Edw Arlington and Fred Beckmann.

The 1913 tour of Buffalo Bill-Pawnee Bill Wild West Show came to a sudden close in Denver, Colo; July 22 when minions of the law swooped down and took possession of everything.

Sells & Gray Circus was sold at sheriff's sale January 8, 1902 at Algiers, La; and brought \$5,025. Horses previously sold for \$2,600.

James A. Bailey bought the Adam Forepaugh & Sells Bros. Circus at Columbus, Ohio. January 10, 1905 for \$150,000. cash and soon after sold half interest to the Ringling Bros.

Sig Sautelle and John T. Welsh formed partnership to conduct Sig. Sautelle's & Welsh Bros., Shows, at Lancaster, Pa., January 26, 1905.

Mugivan and Bowers in March 1916 purchased from "Gov" John F. Robinson, title and equipment of John Robinson 10 Big Shows. This marked exit of Robinson family from circus field.

Edw. Ballard and associates bought the Yankee Robinson Circus from Fred. Buchanan in November 1920.

Gentry Bros. Famous Shows were sold at Receiver's sale January 1923 to James Patterson. Sale included 15 cars, good will and title. Combined with Patterson Trained Animal Show.

Chas. Sparks purchased from Andrew Downie, the Downie Bros., Circus (largest motorized) March 13, 1930 at Havre de Grace, Md.

Campbell Bros., Great Consolidated Shows was forced to close in Fairbury, Nebr. August 1912 when mortgage for \$26,000. was not met.

Cole Bros., World-Toured Shows (Martin J. Downs, Prop.) sold to Fiss, Doerr & Carroll New York horse dealers in January 1910 and few weeks later was auctioned off in lots. Auction was one of the greatest events in Circusdom. (Martin Downs died in Toronto, Canada October 1909).

Cole Bros., Circus (J. Augustus Jones, Owner) was sold at auction February 26, 1918 at Shreveport, La; with exception of steel cars and some cages, and baggage wagons. Chas. Sparks paid \$8,500. for three performing elephants.

Louis D. Thilman headed a body of men who purchased the Sig Sautelle Circus from Sautelle at Glen Falls, N.Y., in August 1914. Show changed hands again October 21 same year, Col. W.P. Hall buying all but baggage horses at Lawrenceburg, Ind.

John Pluto closed deal in February 1926 with Elmer Jones for lease of title of Cole Bros., Shows and purchased from him sleeping cars and other equipment including tents, animals, some ponies and other goods.

Title of Cole Bros., World-Toured Shows was leased for term of years to Floyd King, at Baltimore Md., December 13, 1928.

H.S. Ingraham and Bert Rutherford latter part of August 1930 purchased Cole Bros., Circus from Thomas Hanks who held mortgage on it.

Greater Norris & Rowe Circus, account of financial difficulties and attachments was forced to close at Newport, Ky; in April 1910. Property was sold at auction in Peru, Ind., that Summer.

The 101 Ranch Wild West Show had abrupt ending in Washington D.C. in August 1931 when attacked by performers, working men and others. The Col. Tim McCoy Wild West Show after a short tour in 1938 also came to a hurried end in Washington, D.C.

The Carl Hagenbeck Trained Animal Show, large railroad show toured the country for two seasons, e.g. 1905 and 1906. Following the close of the season of 1906 this show was taken to Peru, Ind., and merged with the Great Wallace Shows (Col. B.E. Wallace, Owner) and 1907 was the first year for Hagenbeck - Wallace Show. Mugivan and Bowers bought the circus in December 1918. John Ringling purchased same September 6, 1929. Final year for the circus was 1938.

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